

May 15, 1975

The Oconee County Council meeting was opened with prayer by Harold Thomas.

Bo Shettly, Executive Director of the Association of Counties told of his Associations activities in assisting Counties in legislative matters and gathering various information for them. Presently Oconee is the only County that is not a member. The fees for membership is based on 2½% per capita. This was referred to Mr. Ramey, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee.

Jack Galbreath, Mrs. Blakely and other residents of the road from Hopewell and Utica discussed their road problems with Council. Mr. Moore told the residents that he had looked at their road and it would be considered when the County Road Policy and priorities were established. In the mean time, Mr. Galbreath is going to secure necessary right-of-ways.

The architect firm of Craig and Gaulden gave a proposal for construction of the new jail and estimated the cost to be between \$48,000.00 and \$56,000.00.

Mr. Purcell, Mr. Bell and other residents of Wedgewood Park Road near Royal Acres near Clemson wanted their road placed high on the priority list for paving. Council agreed to consider this request.

J. C. Galloway requested Council to secure easement for road right-of-ways to a public boat ramp at Holders Landing off Highway 130 on Lake Hartwell. He offered to pay for the concrete necessary for the ramp. He plans to open a bait and tackle shop at the location. Chairman Bailes requested Mr. Moore to work with Mr. Galloway on this project.

Mike Butts, Mrs. Lee and other residents of the Lakeview Landfill road requested help from the County on their road which is being used constantly now that the landfill is there. The large trucks are causing a problem with both dust and mud. Council agreed they should be helped in as much as the County agency (the landfill) is creating most of the problems.

Mr. Geiger of the Geiger, McQueen, Kennedy Architect Firm in Columbia presented a slide of some of the structures they had designed. They also showed slides of the present Oconee jail. They they offered to Council their proposal for the new jail.

Joe Moss of Johnson & Johnson Electrical Co. of Greenville offered Council a quote for a maintenance agreement for the heating and air conditioning system at the Courthouse. This proposal was referred to the Finance Committee.

Supervisor Phinney asked Council what they suggested he do on Chau Ram Park Road. \$22,500.00 is set aside for this project. Mr. Ramey made a motion that Mr. Phinney draw up specifications for the section of roads that needs repair now, along with the parking area and submit it to the Public Works Committee for approval. If approved, it would then be advertised for bids as soon as possible. This was seconded by Mr. Thomas and all votes were yes.

Steve Harvey requested the County to pay for a broken windshield caused by gravel from a dump truck striking it. The estimate was \$42.00. A motion was entered by Mr. Thomas to pay this claim, it received a second from Mr. Herring, all were in favor.

Robert Ramey moved to advertise the used tin from the County Home Barn for sale. This was seconded by Mr. Herring, the vote was 2 yes, and 2 no. Chairman Bailes broke the tie by voting yes.

Mr. Phinney told Council that 2 of his machines operators were coming up for parole; Sloan Cheek and Verner Addis. He requested permission to offer these men jobs as operators for the County inasmuch as they have to have the offer of a job when being considered for parole. Council agreed to pledge this, then it would be decided by committee whether these men would be extra employees or perhaps replacements.

Mr. Phinney requested permission to purchase a used ice machine for \$800.00. Council advised Mr. Phinney to get details as to capacity, etc. and report back to Committee.

Council agreed for the annual leave due some of his key personal on the road department be carried over until a time that is convenient for the Supervisor, rather than have them take it before July 1, which is the busy season for him. This was upon a motion by Mr. Ramey seconded by Mr. Thomas. All in favor.

A discussion regarding County equipment working on private property ended in Mr. Thomas making a motion to recall the resolution on this from Committee. This motion received a second from Mr. Ramey. The vote was 3 yes with 1 (Mr. Moore) no. The resolution passed with a vote of 3 yes and 1 no. Chairman Bailes voted yes making the total vote 4 yes to 1 (Mr. Moore) no.

Chairman Bailes appointed Mr. Herring, Mr. Moore and Mr. Thomas to a committee to study a legal means in which to help the people in need of gravel and unable to pay for it.

Council agreed to study the request for Head Start to be sponsored by the Commission for Mental Retardation, Health, Public Safety and Welfare Committee.

Resolution 75-5 was read by Robert Ramey regarding Ocone Planning Commission members appointments and moved to waiver the 1st reading, this was seconded by Mr. Thomas. There were no objections. Mr. Ramey then moved to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Thomas and all were in favor.

Mr. Ramey asked Council to prepare a resolution commending William Sandifer for the fine service rendered by him as Mayor of Seneca. Council also stood for a moment in silent prayer for Mr. Sandifer and his family.

Mr. Thomas moved for the acceptance of the deeds of right-of-ways for the streets in Port Santorini. He also moved to waiver the first reading on this. Mr. Thomas motion was to accept the streets for maintenance only. Mr. Herring seconded the motion. Councilman Moore stated that he was opposed to this and made a motion to table it which did not receive a second. The vote to accept these streets for maintenance was 3 yes and 1 no. (Mr. Moore).

Councilman Moore presented to Council an Ordinance regarding County streets, roads, and acceptance of roads which was read by Councilman Bailes. Mr. Herring moved to accept this Ordinance on 1st reading.

Mr. Thomas made an amendment to include roads in a sub-division meet County specifications before acceptance and require developers to furnish gravel and the County to haul it. All members voted in favor of this Ordinance and it was referred to Committee for further study.

All members of Council were in favor of Chairman Bailes suggestion that Council request Dr. Garrison to submit his projected expenditures for the next 3 years for Tri-County Tec.

The meeting was adjourned.